Sl. No.	Name of the State	District/Places where fast track courts have been established		
		Muzaffar Nagar	-	5
		Pratapgarh	-	5
		Rai Barailly	-	5
		Saharanpur	-	5
		Shajahanpur	-	5
		Sitapur	-	5
		Sultanpur	-	5
		Varansasi	-	5
		Gautambudh Nagar	-	5
		Fetehpur	-	4
		Rampur	-	3
17.	West Bengal	Krishnagar (Sadar)	-	2
		Ranaghat	-	1
		Kalyani	-	1
		Burdwan (Sadar)	-	2
		Asansol	-	2
		Alipore (Sadar)	-	3
		Diamond Harbour	-	1
		Barrackpore	-	1

Vacancies of Judges in Fast Track Courts

549. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have blamed the States for inordinate delay in filling vacancies of Judges in Fast Track Courts as reported in the 'Hindu' dated 1st June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the cases in the subordinate courts are also increasing as a result thereof;

(c) whether the present policy of filling up the posts of judges would be reviewed and time frame to be fixed for the same; and

(d) if so, the further action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA-KRISHANAMURTHI): (a) Some States have lagged behind in setting up Fast Track Courts.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Supreme Court in its Judgement of the 6th May 2002 in Brij Mohan Lal *Vs.* Union of India and Others of the has directed as below:

"The High Corut and the State Government shall ensure that there exists no vacancy so far as the Fast Track Courts are concerned, and necessary steps in this regard shall be taken within three months from today. In other words, steps should be taken to set up all the Fast Track Courts within the stipulated time".

The direction given by the Supreme Court, including those regarding filling up of vacncies in Fast Track Courts within the time limit and periodical review of the Scheme by the High Courts have been communicated to the State Government for compliance.

Dredging at major ports

550. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking dredging at major ports under the public sector;

(b) if so, whether the work of dredging of Kolkata Port has been assigned to Chinese Companies; and

(c) if so, the names of other major ports whose dredging works has been assigned to foreign companies and their names?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) As per the existing guidelines, all Major Ports except Kolkata Port have option either to call for tenders for maintenance dredging work or give to Dredging Corporation of India, Visakhapatnam-a Public Sector Undertaking on nomination basis. The requirements of maintenance dredging of Kolkata Port are to be met by Dredging Corporation of India till the Port finalises its dredging policy and approach.